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SUBJECT: TNC DISCUSSIONS ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

REF: GENEVA 2950 AND 3052

1. BATISTA (CHIEF ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT FOREIGN OFFICE)
INFORMED ECON. COUNSELOR THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS
HE HAS RECEIVED THAT EC WILL OPPOSE IN TNC WORKING GROUP ATTEMPT
TO SEEK MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON RULES CONCERNING SUBSIDIES
AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. EC POSITION BASED ON UNWILLINGNESS
TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS THAT WOULD INVOLVE AGRICULTURAL
POLICY OF COMMUNITY.

2. BATISTA WISHES TO COORDINATE WITH US IN EFFORT TO
PREVENT STALEMATE IN COMMITTEE. ACCORDINGLY, HE SUGGESTS
THAT IN PRESENTATION OF CONCEPT THAT WE SEEK SOME MEANS
OF DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL
SECTORS AND THAT WE URGE IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION OF SUBSIDIES

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IN INDUSTRIAL AREA ON GROUNDS THAT WE CAN AND WOULD BE

ABLE TO MAKE SOME MEASURABLE PROGRESS ON THIS PARTICULAR ASPECT: AGRICULTURE COULD BE HANDLED AT LATER TIME. BATISTA BELIEVES IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE DIFFERENTIATION HE IS SUGGESTING BY CONFINING INITIAL DISCUSSION TO "EXPORT SUBSIDIES" WHICH WOULD CONCENTRATE ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND DEFERR " DOMESTIC SUBSIDY" PROGRAMS WHICH ARE HEAVILY ORIENTED TOWARD AGRICULTURE. ECON COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT BRAZILIAN APPROACH PRESENTED POLICY AS WELL AS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS FOR US BUT THAT HE WOULD FORWARD SUGGESTION AND REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

3. COMMENT: SINCE TNC MEETING BEGINS MAY 29, EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. AS THE ABOVE INDICATES, BRAZILIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, THE BRAZILIANS WILL BE PRESSING FOR A DIFFERENTIATED POSITION ON SUBSIDIES THAT WILL PERMIT PREFERENTIAL POSITION FOR LDC'S.
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